

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/606,796 Confirmation No. 5886
Applicant : DOILLON, Charles J. et al.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This letter is filed in response to the Office action of May 4, 2005 and is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) and the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1 to 15 and 25 to 27), for prosecution in the subject application, without traverse.

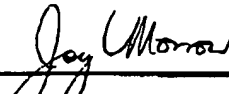
Further, in response to the election of species requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species A: poly (N-alkylacrylamide) of the Polyacrylamide group, and Species A: telocollagen or atelocollagen of the Collagen group, for prosecution on the merits. There are no claims readable on either of the elected species.

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In accordance with these elections, Applicants reserve all rights in the non-elected claims, including the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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